

**December 7, 2010**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
City of Mishawaka, Indiana**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, November 3, 2010 at 4:00 PM in Room 205 at City Hall, 600 East Third Street. Commission members attending: Judy Gray, Dick Barnette, Dave Eisen, Mike Bultinck, Dave Schmidt and John Gleissner. Absent: Dave Vollrath, Tony Obringer, Cliff Zenor and Cynthia Harington. Advisory member present: Dr. William Gering. Also attending: Peg Strantz, Associate Planner and Ken Prince, City Planner.

**MINUTES:**

The November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Local Landmarks:** No Report

**Public Relations & Community Education:**

- Plaque for Smith-Kuharic House, 417 Edgewater, has been ordered from Erie Landmarks.
- Mr. Gleissner said he has now given his little speech on historic preservation three times; to Woody Emmons' group; to Twin Branch for Ross Deal's council group; and then to Tri Kappa Sorority at the library. He said in the course of his speech he explained that we are a small, quiet group; very knowledgeable and willing to look at preservation, and we have gotten to a point now where we'd like to reward these houses that we recognize. He said his PowerPoint was basically showing them the properties that we have recognized and that we have sold water and calendars and we are looking into selling chicken and candles... I didn't sound destitute but anyhow Tri Kappa sent a check for \$167.00 which pays for a plaque.

**MEMBER EXPIRATION DATES:**

Mr. Gleissner noted that this is not on the agenda but this is for all of our information. Mr. Gleissner asked those attending that are expiring if they would like to continue as members. All members attending, with the exception of Mr. Schmidt, who had a conflict, said they would be willing to continue as members. The information will be given to the Mayor who makes the appointments and confirmed by the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gleissner said fundraising is off the table by and large. We have a small budget, maybe enough to fund calendars next year. There may be to be some small fundraising, but no chicken and candles, and so on, because I just had a very short meeting with Ken Prince. He said Ken is willing to put a line item back in the 2012 budget, not this coming year. We'll have to get by with the money we have or the money we make giving speeches to catch up with plaques and the calendars.

Ken Prince, City Planner, when we put together our department budgets we have to list what our expenses are for every department. We used to have a line item for the Historic Landmarks circuit rider, which was removed a couple of years ago when all the budget constraints came down. I don't expect that coming back without arm turning, but John had a valid point that you are spending a lot of time doing fundraising that is probably better spent on historic preservation issues. If I can put \$500 in a line item for plaques to fund 2 or 3 plaques and we are going to install them here and here, the

Council needs to know that. They don't want the \$500 for a slush fund. The Council will not put seed money in, for instance for the calendars, so you can do fundraisers that you can potentially make or lose money on for calendars.

Mr. Gleissner said the awards ceremony and the plaques are good for the Commission, publicity wise with the Council. He said he doesn't ever hear any negatives about historic preservation. We are beyond the days of the Tivoli where there was some community disagreement. By and large we are a pretty quiet group and we have some nice interests in town about our community and I think the Council respects what we do.

The Commission felt that a \$500-\$750 would be a reasonable start to do a couple awards and plaques. The 2012 budget would be discussed in May or June of 2011.

The Commission discussed designating Cynthia' Harington's home, Mary Phillips, former Mishawaka High School at Hill & LWW. Mr. Gleissner commented that it would be neat to have a plaque on the building when they open.

### **Mishawaka High Students**

Mr. Gleissner explained the Historic Preservation Commission duties to approximately seven students from Mishawaka High School who sat in on the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT: 4:28 PM**

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Peg Strantz, Associate Planner

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John Gleissner, Chairman  
Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission